# U.S. District Court [LIVE AREA] Middle District of Georgia (Albany) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-00067-LAG

PETROFF v. SESSIONS et al

Assigned to: US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE ABRAMS

**GARDNER** 

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/27/2017 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: Federal Question

**Plaintiff** 

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TERMINATED: 02/14/2018

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/27/2017	1	COMPLAINT against JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN

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		DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III filed by SEAN PETROFF (Attachments: # 1 Cover Letter, # 2 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 03/27/2017)
03/27/2017	2	MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum in Support, # 2 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 03/27/2017)
03/27/2017	<u>3</u>	Consent Form (28 USC 636(c)(1)) sent to SEAN PETROFF. (mdm) (Entered: 03/27/2017)
04/25/2017	4	<b>ORDER</b> granting 2 Motion for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis. Plaintiff is DIRECTED to resubmit the exhibits docketed in 1:11–cr–00011–WLS–TQL–1 as exhibits in this case. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 04/25/2017. (mdm) (Entered: 04/25/2017)
05/08/2017	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Filing of Correspondence from US Department of Justice to Petroff regarding incorrect service. (Attachments: # 1 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 05/08/2017)
05/11/2017	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Leave to Submit Exhibits as Directed by the Court Filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibits A – H – Exhibits docketed in case number 1:11–cr–11)(bcl) (Entered: 05/11/2017)
05/15/2017	7	This is a text only entry; no document issued. <i>ORDER</i> granting <u>6</u> Motion for Leave to File Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 5/15/17 (rlw2) (Entered: 05/15/2017)
05/19/2017	8	Letter from Sean Petroff regarding service. (Attachments: # 1 Letter from USDOJ, # 2 Notice of Lawsuit and Request to Waive Service of a Summons – Session, # 3 Notice of Lawsuit and Request to Waive Service of a Summons – US Attorney, # 4 Notice of Lawsuit and Request to Waive Service of a Summons – GAMD US Attorney, # 5 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 05/22/2017)
05/24/2017	9	ORDER FOR SERVICE. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 05/24/2017. (mdm) (Entered: 05/24/2017)
05/24/2017	<u>10</u>	USM 285 Process Receipt and Return ISSUED for JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III (Attachments: # 1 USM 285, # 2 USM 285, # 3 USM 285)(mdm) (Main Document 10 replaced on 5/24/2017) (mdm). (Entered: 05/24/2017)
05/24/2017	<u>11</u>	Summons Issued as to JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III. (Attachments: # 1 Summons, # 2 Summons, # 3 Summons)(mdm) (Entered: 05/24/2017)
05/26/2017	<u>12</u>	USM 285 Process Receipt and Return MAILED for JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III (mdm) (Entered: 05/26/2017)
07/11/2017		Filing fee Paid: Initial Partial Filing Fee \$20.15 (bcl) (Entered: 07/11/2017)
07/31/2017	<u>13</u>	MOTION to Dismiss Complaint re <u>1</u> Complaint, : by JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III filed by STEWART R BROWN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support)(BROWN, STEWART) (Entered: 07/31/2017)
08/18/2017	<u>14</u>	MOTION for Leave to Amend for Purpose of Enjoining Parties filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # 1 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 08/21/2017)
08/18/2017	<u>15</u>	RESPONSE filed by SEAN PETROFF re 13 MOTION to Dismiss Complaint re 1 Complaint. (Attachments: # 1 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 08/21/2017)

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09/01/2017	<u>16</u>	REPLY to Response filed by JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III re 13 MOTION to Dismiss Complaint re 1 Complaint, : (BROWN, STEWART) (Entered: 09/01/2017)
09/01/2017	<u>17</u>	RESPONSE filed by JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III re 14 MOTION for Leave to File Amend for Purpose of Enjoining Parties (BROWN, STEWART) (Entered: 09/01/2017)
09/15/2017	<u>18</u>	SURREPLY FILED WITHOUT PERMISSION by SEAN PETROFF re 13 MOTION to Dismiss Complaint re 1 Complaint. (Attachments: # 1 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 09/15/2017)
09/15/2017		Notice of Deficiency (related document(s): <u>18</u> SURREPLY FILED WITHOUT PERMISSION by SEAN PETROFF); Document requires leave of court before filing. (mdm) (Entered: 09/15/2017)
09/22/2017	<u>19</u>	MOTION for Leave to Submit, Pursuant to FRE 201, Motion for Order; MOTION for Relief filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # 1 Various Case Related Documents, # 2 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 09/22/2017)
09/25/2017	<u>20</u>	RESPONSE filed by JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III re 19 MOTION for Leave to File Submit, Pursuant to FRE 201, Motion for OrderMOTION for Relief (BROWN, STEWART) (Entered: 09/25/2017)
09/28/2017	<u>21</u>	MOTION for Leave to Submit Traverse Motion filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # 1 Notice of Deficiency, # 2 Proposed Traverse Response, # 3 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 09/28/2017)
10/23/2017	<u>22</u>	MOTION for Leave to Submit Reply to <u>20</u> Response filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 10/23/2017)
10/23/2017	<u>23</u>	REPLY to Response filed by SEAN PETROFF re 19 MOTION for Leave to File Submit, Pursuant to FRE 201, Motion for Order MOTION for Relief. (Attachments: # 1 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 10/23/2017)
02/05/2018	<u>24</u>	MOTION for Rule 16(b) Pretrial Conference filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # 1 Cover Letter, # 2 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 02/05/2018)
02/05/2018	<u>25</u>	MOTION for Rule 26(f) Conference of the Parties filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # 1 Cover Letter, # 2 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 02/05/2018)
02/12/2018	<u>26</u>	RESPONSE filed by JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III re 24 MOTION for Rule 16(b) Pretrial Conference, 25 MOTION for Rule 26(f) Conference of the Parties (BROWN, STEWART) (Entered: 02/12/2018)
02/14/2018	<u>27</u>	ORDER granting 13 Motion to Dismiss Complaint; granting in part and denying in part 14 MOTION for Leave to Amend for Purpose of Enjoining Parties. The following parties are hereby DROPPED as Defendants in this action: (1) Office of the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia; (2) the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia; (3) Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia; (4) United States Attorney General Jefferson Sessions. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to add the United States Department of Justice as a defendant in this case and dismiss all other named Defendants. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 02/14/2018. (mdm) (Entered: 02/14/2018)
02/26/2018	<u>28</u>	MOTION for Leave to File Petitioner's Motion to Name Defendant/Motion to Amend or Add Defendant Nunc Pro Tunc filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # 1 Motion to Name Defendant/Motion to Amend or Add Defendant Nunc Pro Tunc, # 2 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 02/26/2018)

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02/28/2018	<u>29</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(BROWN, STEWART)Attorney STEWART R BROWN added to party UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE(pty:dft) (Entered: 02/28/2018)
03/22/2018	<u>30</u>	<b>RULES 16/26 ORDER</b> : Proposed Scheduling/Discovery order due by 4/23/2018. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 3/22/2018. (Attachments: # 1 Required Form)(far) (Entered: 03/22/2018)
03/26/2018	<u>31</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File to Respond to Document <u>29</u> . Filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)(bcl) (Entered: 03/26/2018)
04/09/2018	<u>32</u>	MOTION for Leave to Submit Notice to Court filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Notice to Court, # 2 Cover Letter, # 3 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 04/09/2018)
04/10/2018	<u>33</u>	ORDER denying 31 Motion for Extension of Time. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 04/10/2018. (mdm) (Entered: 04/10/2018)
04/27/2018	<u>34</u>	SCHEDULING/DISCOVERY ORDER: Discovery to be complete by 10/22/2018. Dispositive motions due by 11/21/2018. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 04/27/2018. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Scheduling & Discovery Order)(mdm) (Entered: 04/27/2018)
04/27/2018	<u>35</u>	MOTION for Leave to File Second Notice to Court and Motion for Extension of Time filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # 1 Second Notice to Court, # 2 Motion for Extension of Time, # 3 Note & Request for Service, # 4 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 04/27/2018)
05/21/2018	<u>36</u>	MOTION for Leave to Submit Notice from Plaintiff to Courtroom Deputy Filed by SEAN PETROFF. Included in the envelope was a letter addressed to Judge Abrams' Courtroom Deputy. Clerk forwarded the letter to Felicia Rushing. (Attachments: # 1 Cover Letter, # 2 Notice from Plaintiff to Courtroom Deputy, # 3 Envelope)(bcl) Modified on 5/23/2018 to add text (bcl). (Entered: 05/22/2018)
05/21/2018	<u>37</u>	MOTION for Leave to File Motion to appeal Document #34 Order Filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # 1 Motion to Appeal Document #34 Order, # 2 Envelope)(bcl) (Entered: 05/22/2018)
05/25/2018	<u>38</u>	MOTION for Leave to Submit Rule 11 Motion for Sanctions Filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # 1 Motion for Sanctions, # 2 Exhibit A – Plaintiff's Communication #1, # 3 Exhibit B – Plaintiff's Communication #2, # 4 Exhibit C – Plaintiff's Communication #3, # 5 Exhibit D – Plaintiff's Communication #4, # 6 Exhibit E – Defendant's April 11, 2018 Letter, # 7 Envelope)(bcl) (Entered: 05/25/2018)
06/11/2018	<u>39</u>	Letter from Sean Petroff regarding service of Motions and request for copy of docket sheet. (Attachments: # 1 Envelope)(mdm) ***Copy of docket sheet sent to Petroff with a note indicating he is responsible for service of documents upon opposing parties.*** (Entered: 06/12/2018)
08/13/2018	<u>40</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # 1 Various Case Related Documents, # 2 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
09/04/2018	41	RESPONSE filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE re 40 MOTION for Summary Judgment (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1: Letter from EOUSA dated 7/20/18)(BROWN, STEWART) (Entered: 09/04/2018)
09/11/2018	<u>42</u>	<b>ORDER</b> granting 22 MOTION for Leave to Submit Reply; denying 24 MOTION for Rule 16(b) Pretrial Conference; denying 25 MOTION for Rule 26(f) Conference of the Parties; denying as moot 28 MOTION for Leave to File Petitioner's Motion to Name Defendant/Motion to Amend or Add Defendant Nunc Pro Tunc; denying 19 MOTION for Leave to Submit, Pursuant to FRE 201, Motion for Order; MOTION for Relief; denying as moot 21 MOTION for Leave to Submit Traverse Motion. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 09/11/2018. (mdm) (Entered: 09/11/2018)

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09/27/2018	<u>43</u>	REPLY to Response filed by SEAN PETROFF re <u>40</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Letter from USDOJ and Copy of Email, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 09/27/2018)
01/08/2019	<u>44</u>	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER STAYING CIVIL PROCEEDINGS Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE CLAY D LAND on 01/08/19. (ans) (Entered: 01/08/2019)
01/14/2019	<u>45</u>	Letter from Sean Petroff regarding status of pending Motion for Summary Judgment re 40 MOTION for Summary Judgment. (Attachments: # 1 SASE, # 2 Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 01/14/2019)
01/15/2019	<u>46</u>	Letter from Clerk of Court to Sean Petroff in response to <u>45</u> Letter from Sean Petroff regarding status of pending Motion for Summary Judgment. (mdm) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/29/2019	<u>47</u>	<b>ORDER</b> LIFTING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER STAYING CIVIL PROCEEDINGS. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE CLAY D LAND on 01/29/19. (ans) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
03/04/2019	<u>48</u>	Letter from Sean Petroff requesting a copy of the docket sheet. (Attachments: # 1 Envelope)(mdm) ***Mailed copy of current docket sheet to Petroff.*** (Entered: 03/04/2019)
03/06/2019	<u>49</u>	ORDER denying 32 Motion for Leave to File; denying 35 Motion for Leave to File; denying 36 Motion for Leave to Submit Notice from Plaintiff to Courtroom Deputy; denying 37 Motion for Leave to File; denying 38 Motion for Leave to File; denying 40 Motion for Summary Judgment. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE ABRAMS GARDNER on 03/06/2019. (mdm) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
04/05/2019	<u>50</u>	RESPONSE to Court Order filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE re 49 Order on Motion for Leave to File,,,, Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief,,,,, Order on Motion for Summary Judgment, (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 2 to Defendant's Response to ECF 49 March 21, 2019 FOIA Submission, # 2 Exhibit 3 to Defendant's Response to ECF 49 USPS Form 3811)(BROWN, STEWART) (Entered: 04/05/2019)
04/08/2019	<u>51</u>	MOTION for Stay of Dispositive Ruling and Objections to the Defendant's Fulfillment and Compliance with the Court's Order <u>49</u> Order on Motion for Leave to File, Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief, Order on Motion for Summary Judgment filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A – Two Page Letter from Defendant, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B – Pages 3 and 4 from Doc. 20, # <u>3</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
04/09/2019	<u>52</u>	MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>49</u> Order on Motion for Leave to File, Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief, Order on Motion for Summary Judgment filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Various Case Related Documents, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 04/09/2019)